

Joyous messages

Crowds fill churches for Easter services

With Easter lilies, triumphant music and appropriate sermons, all Acton's churches had large congregations celebrating Christ's resurrection. Some of the churches also had special services on other days of Holy Week. Joint services Attendance was very good at all interdenominational Holy Week services last week. All three services were held in the United Church with guest preacher the Rev. William Bothwell, a high school teacher who is the former Anglican dean of the Cathedral of Montreal. Each evening various groups attended together, some of them groups of young people from participating churches. Mr. Bothwell continued his theme The Cross at the Centre each of the three evenings, finding his congregations intent and very deeply impressed. Shrove music Anglicans supplied the music the first Sunday, the Presbyterians and Baptists Wednesday and United Church choir and organist Thursday. Participating clergymen were the Rev. A. H. McKenzie, the Rev. Harry Dawson, the Rev. Gordon Turner, the Rev. Walter Fosbury, the Rev. Pete Brouwer, the Rev. S. Thoman and the Rev. Frank Byrne. Easter breakfast At Knox Presbyterian church on Easter Sunday, about 75 Sunday School scholars and teachers sat down to breakfast in the church hall, followed by a special program upstairs. The Daughters of Knox prepared ham and scrambled eggs with Hot Cross buns for the group. Gerald Bernie, the Sunday School superintendent, had a program for them including slides on the Easter story and singing. Two choirs There was a large congregation for the regular morning service, conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. well-attended service at 9.45 a.m. Lilies were timely, and the Rev. Frank Byrne had an Easter message. Mrs. Joan Harrison directed the choir in the anthem He is Risen with Charles Land-sborough at the organ. Several services At the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, three services were held on Easter morning, Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. and Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. The front of the church was banked with Easter lilies and the flowers on the altar were mums, carnations and snapdragons—all white. The choir sang an Easter anthem, The Resurrection, with Mrs. Frank Oakes directing. Solemn reflection St. Alban's had a service of Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday and a service of Solemn Reflection. The Rev. H. Dawson had timely messages. He was also accepting congratulations on the birth of his second child, another daughter for the rector and his wife Gail. Trumpet solo At Beth-El Christian Reformed church regular services were held at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. conducted by the Rev. Peter Brouwer. John Duenk played a trumpet solo, with the organist, Mrs. Venema. Services were both in English, the Dutch language is now only used occasionally for special services at Beth-El. Take notes Acton United church was almost completely filled Sunday morning for the Easter services. Over 20 young people of the minister's communicants' class were introduced and took notes during the Rev. Gordon Turner's timely sermon. The choir sang two anthems under the direction of George Elliott. Large bouquets, hydrangeas and Easter lilies brightened the chancel. Their poinsettia from Christmas was still blooming happily away at the front of the church, too! Apparently a newer variety according to Jack Rol, it was expected to last... but maybe not this long! Church is perhaps a perfect place for it, with coolness during many days and an attentive caretaker to water but not disturb it. It'll likely still be blooming for Mother's Day. Erin twp. council briefs At the regular April meeting, Erin township council: —Will pay \$1,012.85 to the Hydro for their share of instalment costs for the street lights at Ballinfad. —Learned from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority that May 10 to 16 has been designated as Conservation Week. —Renewed the licence for Ospringe Speedway, permitting racing on Sundays, 12.01 p.m. to 5 p.m. R. Overland is now leasing the Speedway. —Will meet with Consumers' Gas about a franchise in the district. —Will receive a \$1,131 grant from the Department of Agriculture for repairs to the Hillsburgh Community Centre. —Was invited to a meeting of the Halton County Federation of Agriculture at Eramosa School, April 13, 8 p.m. —Learned the Grand River Conservation Authority's levy is \$6,746.29, more than twice what it was last year. —Passed motions to donate \$25 to the Red Cross, and \$100 to the VON. —Heard the Department of Energy and Resources has issued a certificate of approval for a swine operation to G. W. Longstreet, R.R. 1, Terra Cotta. Met with R. Litch, 9th Line, who praised the road crew for doing "A heroic job of plowing this winter." Mr. Litch suggested that the job might be easier if a few hills were taken out and a few curves straightened on the 9th Line. He was assured that that job was first on the list of road projects for this year. —Use classifieds. —Daylight Saving Time will start Sunday, April 25.

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Visit Science Fair by Steve Van Fleet On Tuesday, April 6, Grade 11 Physics classes and Grade 12 chemistry went to the annual Hamilton Science Fair held in the gymnasium at McMaster University. Two bus loads of students saw many exhibits ranging from octatonic reverberations to a display foretelling the earth's doom in five years.

Members only rule at dances The dances held in the parish hall by the Young Generation will now be open to members only, the organizers have decided. No applications for membership taken on the night of a dance will admit the new member that night. Membership is open to those attending grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 of any of the Acton schools.

Sheridan classes The Continuing Education Division of Sheridan College is offering a wide variety of courses in its next evening program. The spring semester begins the week of April 19, with classes in Oakville, Brampton and Mississauga. Some of the programs lead to a Sheridan diploma. Some are strictly business, some technical, and some just for fun. The fun courses include French pastry making, barbecuing, golf, antiques, home decorating, make-up, crocheting, flower arranging and sailing.

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Would form C.M.H.A. branch

Hopefully, a local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association will be formed for North Halton, following a meeting called for Thursday evening, April 22. The meeting's organizers, who can list benefits from such an association in other centres, hope to see a good crowd at Hillcrest United church, north of Hornby, that evening. They have a couple of representatives of different groups coming to speak, among them Ken Jupp, Ontario director of the C.M.H.A. Others are from the Family and Children's Services branches and the Department of Health of the province. The group would be for the whole of north Halton - Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Esqueving and Nassagaweya. Letters have been sent out to interested persons.

R. L. grade 8's hold penny sale

A very successful penny sale was held by the 109 Grade 8 students of Robert Little School. The proceeds will help them to finance an educational tour later this year. Winners were - hard candy, Beverly Norton; cardigan, Angela Mullin; kitchen linen, Mary Herrington; bubble gum Mrs. E. Roszel; pixy stixes, Susan Matthews; hot pads, H. Stewart. Ceramic bowl, Mrs. O. Norton; choker, Brian Smith; winter wear K. Hodgson; kitchen utensils, Lena Mason; letter holder, H. R. Force; baking, Cathy Lawson; case of Coca Cola, G. Bruce; rug, Jane Robinson. Coasters, Mary Jane New, case of orange pop, Becky Baxter, sheep skin rug, Susan Matthews; perfume, Anne Vanderhaye; bubble bath oil, Linda Young; flashlight, Marlene Kenny; canned ham, David Bishop; Bail point pens, Donna Darby; cup and saucer, Helen Morgan; Evening in Paris perfume, George Bruce. Students appreciated the assistance of businesses and parents who donated gifts to help the project be a success. Susan Matthews and Emily Hodgson won the prize for selling the most tickets.

Obituary Mrs. Brownlee in 93rd year

On Tuesday, March 30, at Toronto Western Hospital, Mrs. Robert Brownlee, nee Letitia Storey, after a short illness passed away in her 93rd year. Mrs. Brownlee, sixth in a family of eleven, was a member of one of the pioneer families of Nassagaweya. She spent her girlhood years there, came to Acton as a bride, returning to Nassagaweya where her children were born, and then to Acton for the period of 1912 to 1919. The family then moved to Toronto where she has lived with her daughter Mrs. George (Frances) McAllister since 1960. Family connections Mrs. Brownlee's interests in life centred around her home, her large family connections and the "Storey" reunion. Community friends of which she had a host shared with the Presbyterian church in her outside the home interests. Her active membership in the Women's Missionary Society of six congregations included Nassagaweya Presbyterian; Knox, Acton; and in the Metro Toronto area at West, Chalmers, Melrose and Albion Gardens.

Burial today

Mrs. Ada Bell, wife of the late Dr. Bell passed away in her 90th year in Toronto April 12th. She was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Acton, this morning (Wednesday). Rev. A. H. McKenzie conducted the service. Dr. Bell was a dentist here and they moved to Toronto in the 1930's.